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 Covering the pores are lamellae, or scales, yielding themselves to every requirement of the parts they serve. The duties imposed upon the scales of the cuticle define their character, and as is the papillary substance beneath, so they are hard or soft, moist or dry, elastic or unyielding. Here, alone, can our vast storehouse of therapeutic appliances find abundant indications for the treatment of any disease within the body. The only portion of the body that in health is devoid of sensation and gives itself absolutely to the duty of serving other parts, affords from its character full information as to the selection of the appropriate remedy. This willing slave is the outermost boundary of the deepest atom of the body. It is the alpha, of which that is the omega, and all intermediates are photographed upon its plant face. Beneath the cuticle is the rete mucosum. The better to describe the several layers composing the skin, reference will now be made to the papillary substance, or the cutis, that lies next beneath the rete mucosum. The body of the man is the house he occupies—the skin is the wall of that house. The rough uncovered laths throughout the interior of the house, with interstices and projecting surfaces, are as the sensitive papillary substance. Over these laths the plaster is applied to give a smooth surface, as the rete is applied over the papilla. And upon this plaster the highly polished, hard and non-sensitive glazing is made to protect the plaster and the laths beneath, as the cuticle protects the rete. The rete is the portion in which the coloring matter resides, and as is its color so is the color of the cuticle, but beneath this rete all men are alike, white. Here, too, the pores of the second class arise and empty themselves at the open doors of the scaly cuticle, giving forth vast quantities of sanctorian perspiration. The rete levels the projecting papilla with its soft mucous-like substance, and gives continuity and conformation to the cuticle.  
 The cutis, or papillary substance is the true skin. Here resides the sense of touch, and here the arteries begin their formation. It is the birthplace of the heart, to which each globule of blood is in the desire to flow as to its own home and place of freedom. The papilla open and shut with power similar to that of the armature and alternately invite and reject, with the law of action and reaction the flow of blood. In this cutis is placed the great system of drainage tubes, the sewers of the body through which the internal organs, the membranes of these organs, the muscles and layers of fat send forth their sweats, their dirt, and the grosser portions of the blood. Useless qualities rush through these canals, at times, as in violent exercise of the body in great deluges, carrying in their impetuosity of flow pure essences of nerve fiber, to the destruction of the strength of the man in many diseases. In health the scaly door in the cuticle acts as if double hinged and opens inward with the same power of action with which it had previously opened outward. This reciprocal action permits the return to the system of the purest portions of the previously exuded sweat. Here again arises a multitude of indications for the selection of the remedy.—B. Rufus Choate, M. D.

It would not be at all surprising if within a few years the United States should wrest from Great Britain the greatest of that nation's manufacturing privileges—the building of ships for powers that must have them but cannot construct for themselves. From the day when ironclads became governmental necessities the smaller countries have purchased their ships of war and their armament from England, but it is only reasonable to suppose that the monopoly will soon be broken. Again and again has it been demonstrated that American material, shaped by American ingenuity, has no superior when it appears as the finished product, and to this gratifying fact the eyes of intending purchasers cannot long be closed. Every ship in our navy testifies to the excellence of American handicraft, and such solid evidence will surely not be disregarded. No nation can produce better guns than ours, in the important matter of armor plate we are far in advance of all competition, while American engines have outsped the best foreign mechanism ever put in any cruiser. With these conditions unshakably established but little time is likely to elapse before the Clyde, the Tyne, the Thames, the Mersey, the Severn and Milford Haven will occupy minor positions in the marts of shipping, while the Delaware, the Chesapeake and a score of other waters within our national boundaries will become supremely conspicuous.—Washington Star.

**How the Colonel Washed.**  
 The colonel was in the washroom of the sleeping car scrubbing his face vigorously with a towel. He had not slept well and was not in the best of humors. A little fellow with sharp cut features and a big soft felt hat covering his head made his way with difficulty through the car, for the roadbed in the North Carolina mountains is not particularly smooth, and the limited makes fast time sometimes.  
 He thrust his head into the washroom at last and inquired in a deprecatory way of the assembled multitude:  
 "Kin you tell me which end I wash at?"  
 The colonel glared at him a minute, and then, in his deep bass replied:  
 "We'al, young man, I don't know which end you 'wash at', but at this time o'day I generally wash at the top end."  
 The young man retreated and didn't 'wash at' either end until the colonel went to breakfast.—N. Y. Sun.

**CHINESE SWARMING IN.**  
 Open and Apparently Unopposed Descent of the Greasy Law.  
 El Paso Times.  
 Chinamen are pouring into El Paso from Mexico at the rate of from ten to twenty per night. They are arriving almost daily by the Mexican Central in batches of from ten to thirty, and they do not remain long in Juarez. In the language of the street gamin they "don't have to." Twenty-six arrived there last Friday, and that night no less than eight of them came across one of the bridges by the customs guard, and probably all the others came across by other routes. Saturday seventeen more arrived, and that night 9 crossed the river four miles below the city and then came up town at their leisure. Sunday night fourteen more, some of them disguised as Mexicans, started up the river under the guidance of Charley Tim, a Juarez Chinaman who speaks Spanish, and it is supposed that they came across by the Southern Pacific bridge.  
 They pay \$135 per head for the evasion of the exclusion act. For this sum the parties engaged in the traffic agree to shield them from arrest here and see them safely off on the railroads. Of course these parties keep on hand some reams of bogus or borrowed certificates.  
 An intelligent Chinaman who evidently knows what he is talking about, informs a Times representative that there is a company organized in Juarez for the purpose of buying or bribing the way for these contrabands to enter this country. The company collects \$100 of the sum paid, and the \$35 is paid to what the Times informant terms "a big man in El Paso."  
 Every car load of Chinamen passing through this city in bond for Cuba is to be thus returned via Vera Cruz through El Paso, Eagle Pass and Laredo. The scheme was originally to send about one half the number from Cuba to New York into the United States, but the first batch landing in New York was arrested. The whole tide then turned toward Vera Cruz, and no less than 500 have been landed there from Cuba already. These are now entering or seeking to enter the United States through the Rio Grande ports named, and as they have evidently so arranged matters here that they will meet with no opposition in entering the country, the chances are that the entire stream will be diverted to this port.  
 As these people meet with no opposition whatever, they of course smuggle in with themselves everything they can buy and carry, and a Times informant estimates the quantity of opium now being smuggled in at this port at from twenty to fifty pounds per week. These men now bring the opium directly from China on their persons, pass through the United States in bond with it, touch at the island of Cuba, sail across to Vera Cruz and then take the railroads for the United States.  
 The Pullman company has declared a quarterly dividend of \$2 a share, payable August 15th, to stockholders of record August 1st.

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 People who are fond of rummaging about in curio shops are no doubt surprised at the cheapness of Japanese swords, says the New York Sun. They are cheap because they are plenty. When the nobles threw off the native costumes and adopted European ways they took to European costumes also, and seemed to acquire a distaste for many of the things that had been personal or house belongings. The short, needle pointed, razor edged swords worn by the daimios and their retainers, though of the finest steel and beautifully ornamented, were discarded for English sabers and dress swords and came to this country by thousands. In San Francisco a dozen years ago they were heaped in boxes and tubs and sold for less than one dollar apiece. The price has advanced a little since then, the values running from two to ten dollars according to the blade, the richness of the lacquer on the scabbard, the ornamentation in gold and bronze on the handle; but plenty of good ones are still to be had. One cranky freak of collectors is to break up the weapons, preserving only the bronze and iron guards, which are often decorated with flowers and figures of exquisite workmanship in gold and silver. One man in New York has dismantled over 500 swords for this purpose and wants more.  
 The first experimental telephone exchange was operated May 17, 1877, and the first commercial telephone exchange was opened in February, 1878. Yet at the beginning of the current year, in the United States alone, half a million telephone instruments and 450,000 miles of line wire, 100,000 of which were under ground, were employed for the transmission in one year (1892) of 600,000,000 messages between 232,000 stations, giving at the same time honest and congenial employment to 10,000 persons.  
 Ephraim W. Bull, the originator of the Concord grape, is still living at the age of eighty-seven years. He was a friend of Emerson and Alcott, and has been greatly honored by distinguished visitors to Concord, and by horticulturists at home and abroad. In his garden at Concord he still shows the old mother vine of the Concord grape, which he developed from the seeds of a native wild grape planted just fifty years ago.

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